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Compensation under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount of unemployment allowance and delayed compensation provided to the beneficiaries so far under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), State/UT-wise;

(b) the reasons for the pending allowances and the timeline set for resolving the issue;

(c) the number and share of households and individuals whose Aadhaar cards arelinked with their bank accounts for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether complaints have been received against any of the Programme Officer and District Programme Coordinators in the State of Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): As per the Programme Management Information System (MIS), details of delayed compensation provided to MGNREGA workers during the Financial Year 2015-16 are given in Annexure-I. The details of unemployment allowance for the Financial Year 2015-16 has not been reported by the States/UTs till date. Cases of delayed payment in States/UTs have been reported in the Ministry due to following reasons: -

â€¢ Internet connectivity for maintaining the programme database (MGNREGA-soft)

â€¢ Implementation issues like delay in measurement, inadequate staff, poor spread of banking infrastructure, etc.

In order to ensure timely payment wages, Rules have been issued for timely payment of wages under which, it was suggested that clear accountability shall be fixed on the functionaries for timely performance of specific duties leading to payment of wages. All cases of delayed payment attract compensation @ 0.05% per day of delay, which is automatically calculated and paid by the State Government.

For ensuring timely payment of wages, the Central Government has also started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 11 States (Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala Odisha Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttrakhand) and launched Dashboard for tracking of pending Fund Transfer Orders, Public Fund Management System, Workers module, electronic Fund Management System, Direct Benefit Transfer etc.

(c): State/UT-wise details of number of MGNREGA workers whose Aadhaar cards are linked with their banks account for Direct Benefit Transfer is given in Annexure-II.

(d): No, Madam.